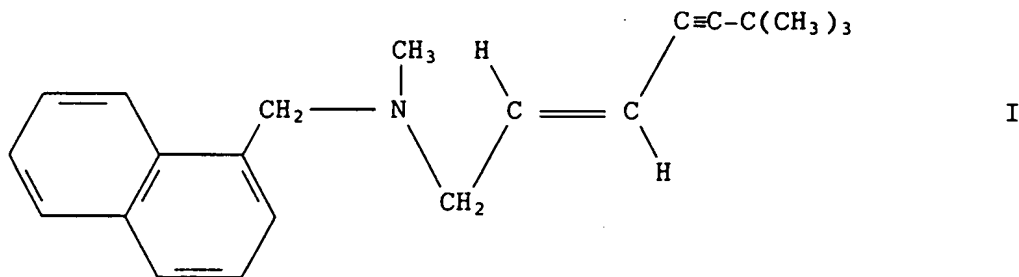


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1. A topical pharmaceutical composition comprising as the active agent a compound of formula I



and a lower alkanol.

2. A composition according to claim 1 containing water.
3. A composition according to claim 2 containing from 50 to 85 % of water.
4. A composition according to claim 1 containing from 5 to 35 % of a lower alkanol.
5. A composition according to claim 4 wherein the alkanol is ethanol.
6. A composition according to claim 1 which is substantially free of fatty material.
7. A composition claim 1 containing a surfactant being non-anionic.
8. A composition claim 1 for the treatment of fungal infections wherein the active agent is the compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 in free base form or in acid addition salt form, together with a solubilizing agent and excipients as appropriate.

9. A composition according to ~~claim~~ 8 which is a spray, a gel or a fluid gel.
10. A composition according to ~~claim~~ 8 wherein the solubilizing agent is a polyoxyethylene fatty alcohol ether.
- a* 11. A composition according to ~~claim~~ 8 ~~or 10~~, wherein the ratio between the compound of formula I and the solubilizing agent is from about 1:0.5 to about 1:15.
12. A composition according to ~~claim~~ 1 wherein the active agent is the compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 in free base form or in acid addition salt form, together with an oil phase and further excipients as appropriate.
13. A composition according to ~~claim~~ 1 containing isopropyl myristate as an oil phase.
- a* 14. A composition according to ~~claim~~ 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein the ratio between the compound of formula I and the oil phase is from about 1:5 to about 1:40 on a w/w basis.
15. A composition according to ~~claim~~ 1 wherein the compound of formula I is present from about 0.1% to about 5% of the total weight of the composition on a w/w basis.
16. A process for the ~~preparation~~ of a topical pharmaceutical composition according to ~~claim~~ 1 comprising working up a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 together with a lower alkanol and adding further excipients as appropriate.
17. A method for the treatment of fungal infections comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a composition according to claim 1 to a patient in need of such treatment.

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